CHAPTER

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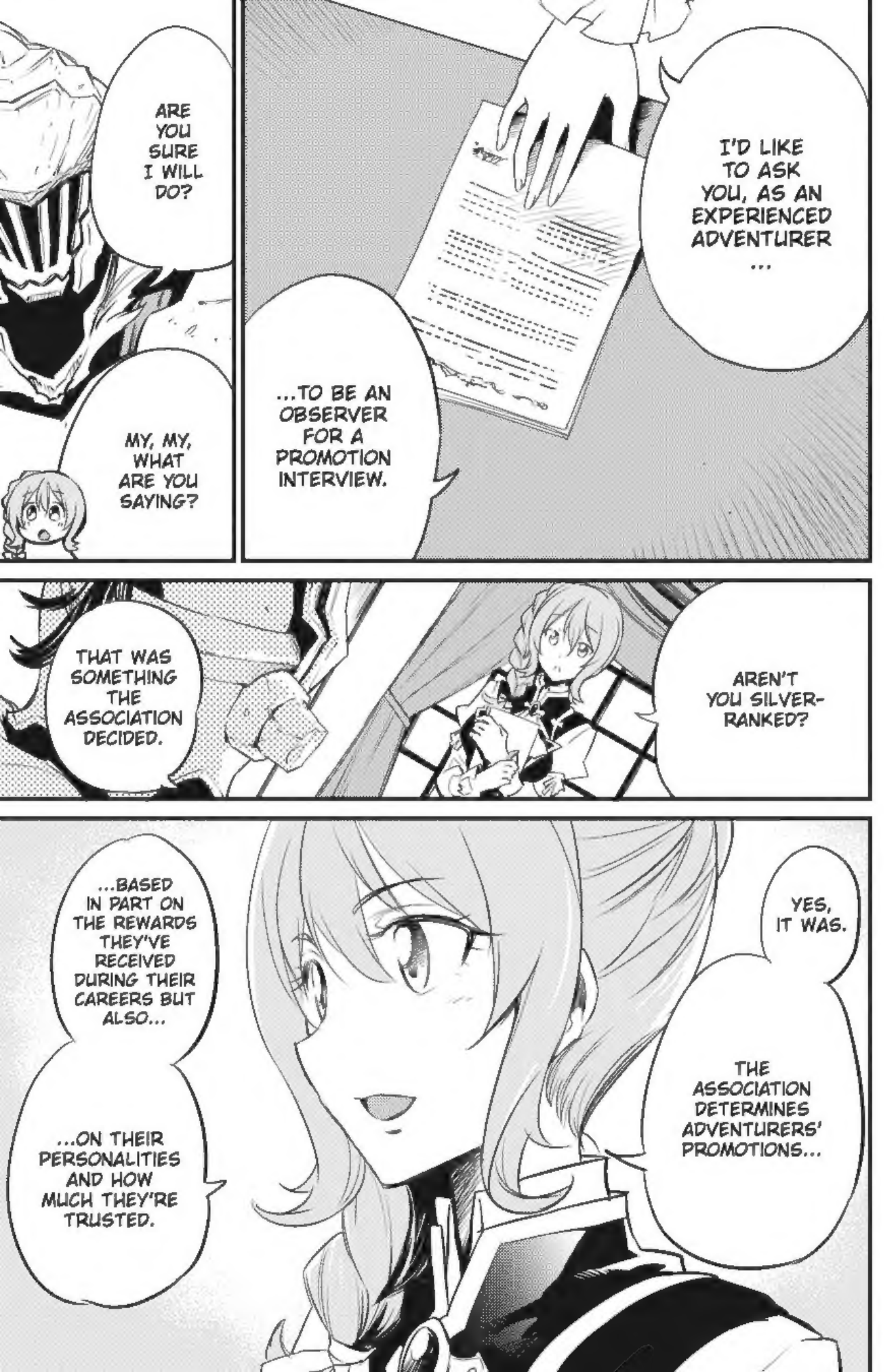
GOBLIN SLAYER

I'M AFRAID IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH GOBLINS—
NO.
CHAPTER 17
GOBLIN SLAYER

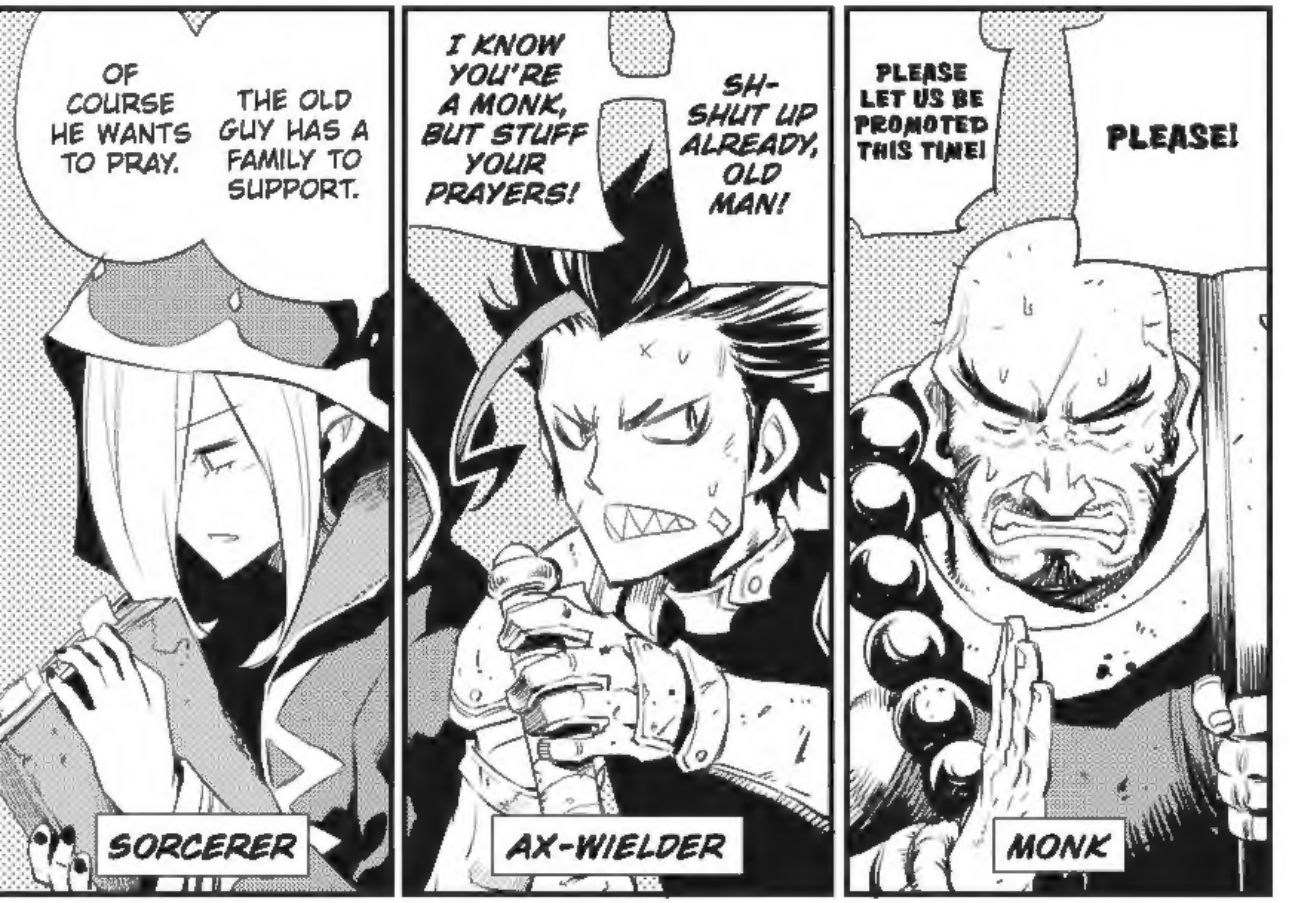
WAIT!
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE!
AWUUU!
!?
GAGAAAN (GONG)

Story: Goblin Slayer is an adventurer who hunts only goblins, despite being Silver-ranked. After the defeat of the Goblin Lord, he went on an adventure with his friends, but somehow they ended up slaying goblins anyway. And then the Guild called him for a special assignment...!


ARE YOU SURE I WILL DO?
MY, MY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, AS AN EXPERIENCED ADVENTURER ...
...TO BE AN OBSERVER FOR A PROMOTION INTERVIEW.
THAT WAS SOMETHING THE ASSOCIATION DECIDED.
AREN'T YOU SILVER-RANKED?
...BASED IN PART ON THE REWARDS THEY'VE RECEIVED DURING THEIR CAREERS BUT ALSO...
...ON THEIR PERSONALITIES AND HOW MUCH THEY'RE TRUSTED.
YES, IT WAS.
THE ASSOCIATION DETERMINES ADVENTURERS' PROMOTIONS...

TRUST IS PARAMOUNT. PEOPLE WHO ABUSE WOMEN OR GET INTO FIGHTS CAN SPEND THEIR ENTIRE LIVES AS PORCELAIN RANKS!
...IF WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO HE IS OR IF STRENGTH IS HIS ONLY VIRTUE.
HOWEVER STRONG AN ADVENTURER MAY BE, WE CAN'T PROMOTE HIM...
IF YOU'VE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AS SILVER RANK...
...IT SHOWS HOW MUCH EVERYONE APPRECIATES WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
GASA (FLUTTER)
WHO ARE YOU INTER-VIEWING?
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

WE'RE EVALUATING A PARTY FOR ADVANCEMENT FROM STEEL TO SAPPHIRE RANK.
IN OTHER WORDS, FROM EIGHTH TO SEVENTH LEVEL.

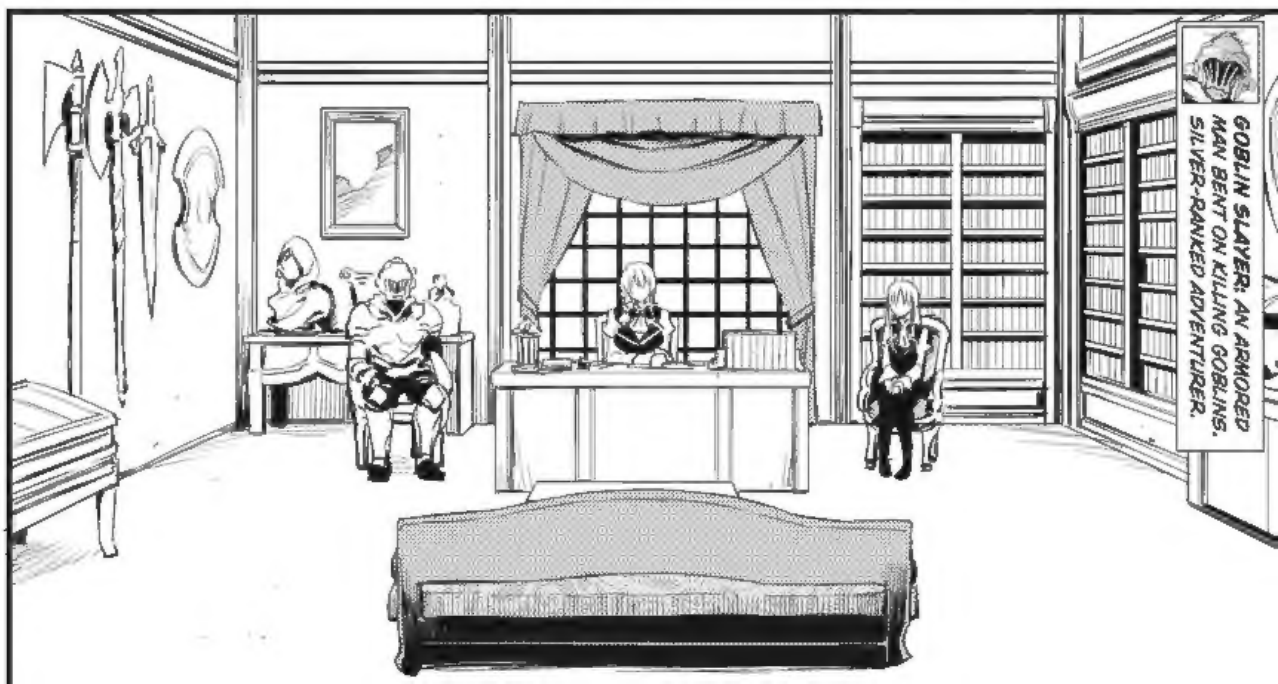

OF COURSE HE WANTS TO PRAY.
THE OLD GUY HAS A FAMILY TO SUPPORT.
SORCERER
I KNOW YOU'RE A MONK, BUT STUFF YOUR PRAYERS!
SH- SHUT UP ALREADY, OLD MAN!
AX-WIELDER
PLEASE LET US BE PROMOTED THIS TIME!
PLEASE!
MONK

HERA GRIND
GETTING UPSET AT EACH OTHER WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING!
HEY, CALM DOWN, EVERYONE!
SCOUT

SPELL BOOKS AREN'T CHEAP, YOU KNOW.
IF PRAYING CAN REALLY GET US THAT PROMOTION, THEN LET'S ALL BOW OUR HEADS.
THIS COULD MAKE OR BREAK US.
YEAH, I KNOW, BUT...
... SAPPHIRES GET WAY BETTER QUESTS AND REWARDS THAN STEELS!

GET THAT PROMO-TION! PLEASE!
NEXT, PLEASE!
I KNOW. I'M ON IT.
OOPS, THAT'S US!

...
HA HA... Y'KNOW ...
AND HOW IS IT YOU SEEM SO UNCON-CERNED?


GOBLIN SLAYER: AN ARMORED MAN BENT ON KILLING GOBLINS. SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER.

UGH!
I'D LIKE TO SPANK HER 'TIL SHE CRIES...!
GUILD GIRL, SO INNOCENT...
I DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT GIRL.
N-NO, SIR...
IS SOMETHING NOT TO YOUR LIKING?
GOBLIN SLAYER...!
BUT I DON'T LIKE HIM MUCH...
HE AND I ARE THE SAME...
WE BOTH WANT TO GET RICH AS EASILY AS POSSIBLE!
MAYBE THIS IS A STROKE OF GOOD LUCK FOR ME.
HE GOT HIS SILVER RANK DOING NOTHING BUT KILLING GOBLINS.

OKAY!
PROMOTION INTERVIEW, RIGHT?
SAY, HOW ABOUT WE SKIP SAPPHIRE ENTIRELY? GO RIGHT TO RUBY...OR HOW ABOUT BRONZE?
LET'S JUST TAKE ONE THING AT A TIME HERE.
THOSE ARMOR AND BOOTS OF YOURS ARE NEW, RIGHT?
I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE.
OH! YOU CAN TELL!?
DOKKA (THUMP)
THEY'RE PRETTY CLASSY.
THEY MAKE ME LOOK NICE AND THIN, DON'T YOU THINK?
FIRST TIME I'VE WORN 'EM. BOOTS ARE GREAT, HUH?
OH ...

!!
...YET YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S WELL-DRESSED?
SO WHY IS IT THAT YOUR ENTIRE PARTY HAS BEEN TAKING ON THE SAME QUESTS...

CRAP...
OH... WELL, THAT'S ...
MY FAMILY JUST SENT ME SOME MONEY, SEE, AND...

AND UNLIKE YOUR COMPANIONS, YOUR QUEST COMPLETION REPORTS TEND TO BE A LITTLE VAGUE.
THEY SEEM A BIT OUT OF YOUR PRICE RANGE FOR THE REWARDS YOU'VE RECEIVED.

HE'S LYING.

THE SENSE LIE MIRACLE ...!
BY THE SUPREME GOD, I SWEAR THAT STATEMENT IS FALSE.
GUILD GIRL GIVES GOBLIN SLAYER HIS JOBS AT THE ADVENTURERS GUILD.
SHE'S A PRIESTESS OF THE SUPREME GOD...AN INSPECTOR!
HA HA HA ...
NO ...
IT'S JUST ...
THAT GIRL...!!
OH!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU DID!
I SEE, I SEE.
IT SEEMS YOU'VE GOTTEN NEW EQUIPMENT SINCE YOUR DUNGEON DIVE THE OTHER DAY.

YOU TOLD THE OTHERS YOU'D SCOUT THE AREA...
...BUT INSTEAD YOU FOUND ALL THE TREASURE CHESTS AND KEPT THE CONTENTS FOR YOURSELF!
HRK —!

Wait...
NO... TH- THAT'S ...
THIS IS RIDICULOUS...!! A SCOUT IS ENTITLED TO A TREASURE CHEST OR TWO!

WELL, THIS IS DIFFICULT ...
IT WAS A TERRIBLE IMPULSE!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO SWALLOW MY PRIDE FOR NOW ...!
...MY BEST BET IS JUST TO APOLOGIZE!!
I'M VERY, VERY SORRY!!
BUT FOR NOW ...

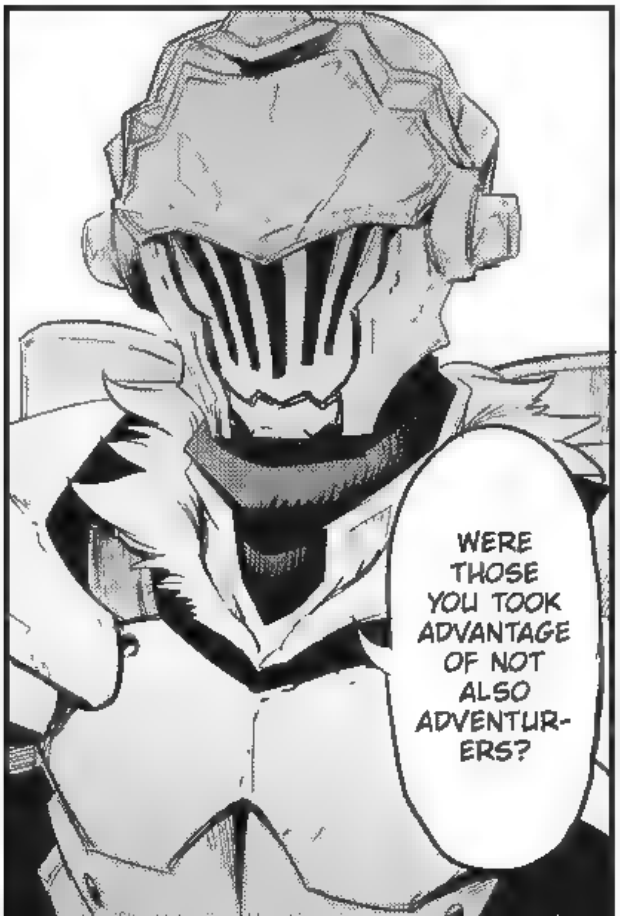
SELF-RIGHTEOUS OLD WITCH! AM I APOLOGIZING OR NOT!? WHY, I OUGHTA—!!
IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO INSPIRE PREJUDICE AGAINST RHEAS AND SCOUTS.
WELL, SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST OFFENSE ...
I THINK DEMOTION TO PORCELAIN IS APPROPRIATE— AND BEING BARRED FROM ADVENTURING IN THIS TOWN AGAIN.
ALL I DID WAS FILCH A TREASURE CHEST AND YOU RUN ME OUT OF TOWN?!
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
WHAT!?

EXCUSE ME?
"ALL YOU DID"...ARE YOU DIM?
YOU CAN'T BUY BACK TRUST WITH MONEY.
OR WE COULD TELL EVERYONE, "HE WAS DEMOTED FOR FILING MISLEADING QUEST REPORTS"
...
...AND YOU COULD STAY HERE.

"EVERYONE DOES IT"... NO...!
GRRR! MAYBE IF I SAID I WAS COERCED INTO IT...?
DAMN! DAMN, DAMN, DAMN! THINK! THINK!

WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?
GRR... GRR...

IT'S NO USE...! I CAN'T LIE TO HER...!
YOUR SCHEMES WILL DO YOU NO GOOD.

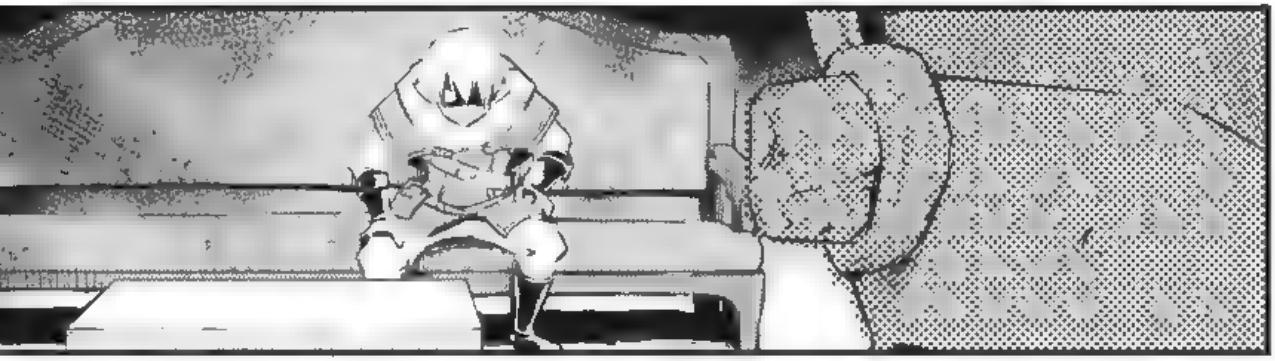

WERE THOSE YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF NOT ALSO ADVENTURERS?

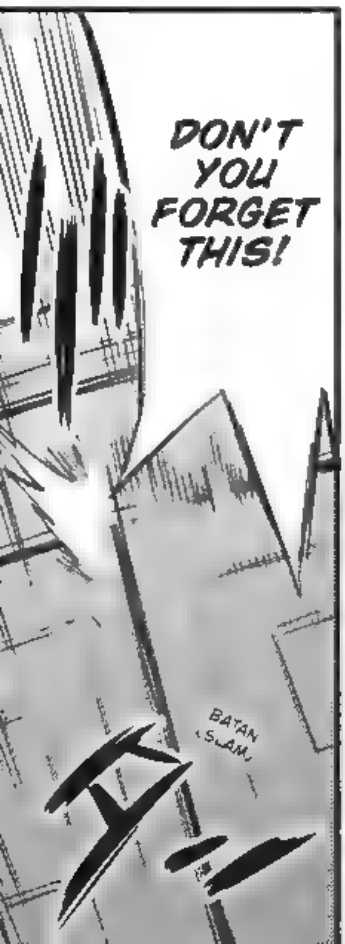
GOBLIN SLAYER!
H-HELP ME OUT! AS A FELLOW ADVENTURER!

BUT ...
YOU'RE AN ADVEN-TURER TOO, RIGHT?

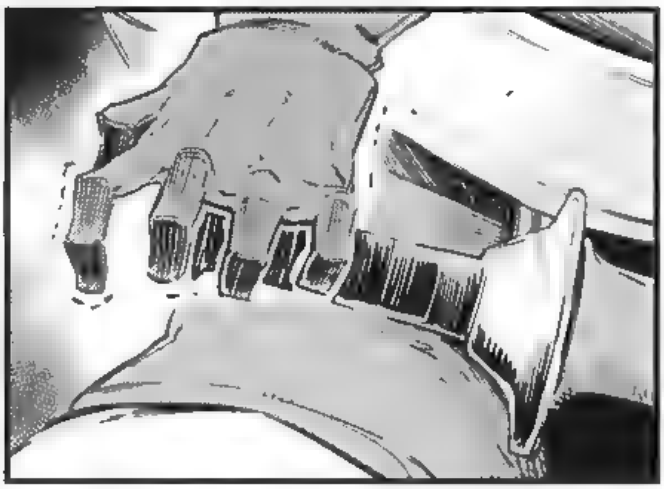
NO.
I AM AN OB-SERVER.

PANT...
PANT...
PANT...




DON'T YOU FORGET THIS!
BATAN (SLAM)

FEH!
GAN (STOMP)



PROMOTION DENIED.

ZUKA
ZUKA (STRIDE)
TELL ME!
HOW'D IT GO?

I WAS SO SCARED ...
SNIFF

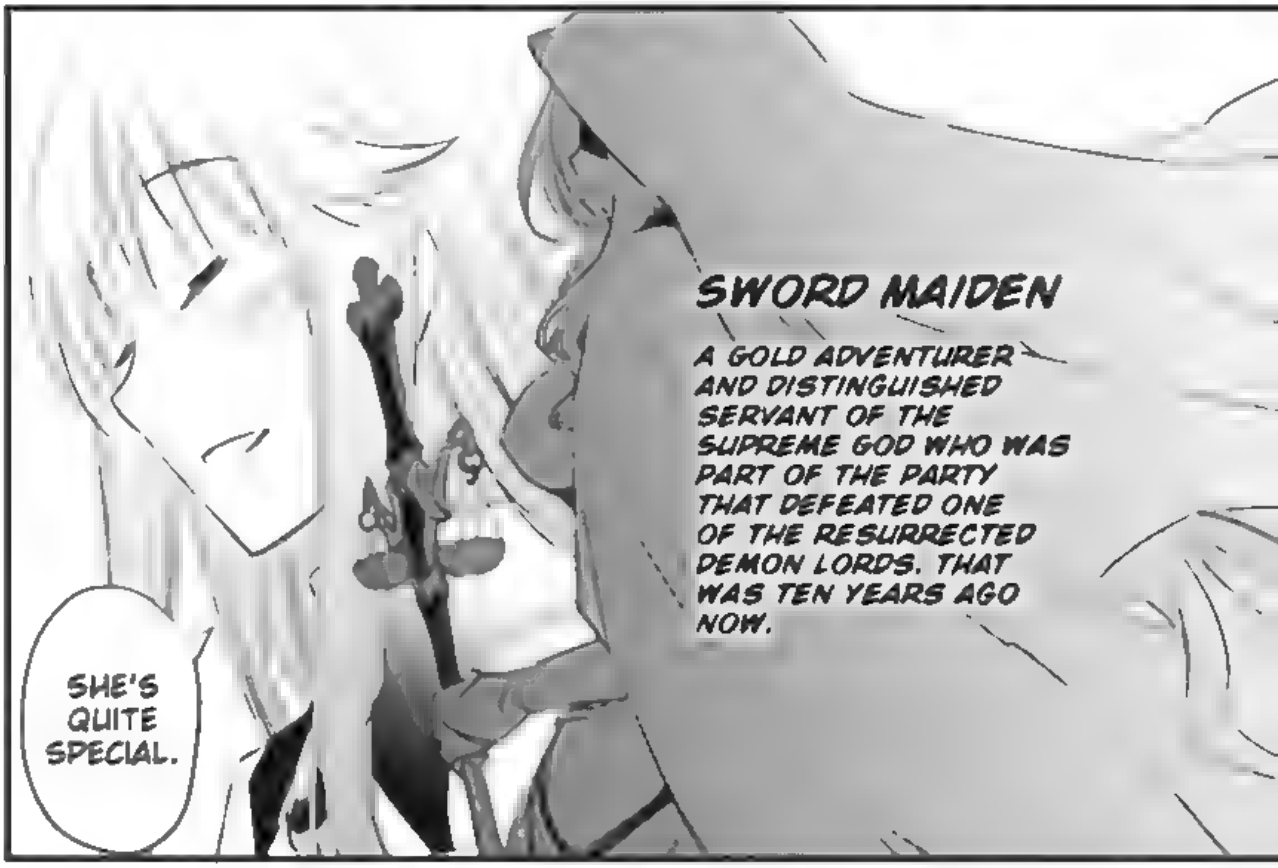
...
AHHH ...

HARDLY!
I REMEMBER HOW BAD IT WAS BACK WHEN I WAS TRAINING IN THE CAPITAL FOR THE ASSOCIATION.
THANK YOU, GOBLIN SLAYER.
NO.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
YES, THE CAPITAL'S FULL OF THE SORT.
ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE JUST WAITING TO FOIST THEMSELVES ON A SWEET YOUNG THING...
IS THAT SO?
IT CERTAINLY IS!
IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST.
THAT ALONE MAKES ME FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE.

IF WE'RE DONE, I'M GOING BACK.
OH, CERTAINLY. STOP BY THE FRONT DESK AND YOU'LL RECEIVE AN HONORARIUM.
ALL RIGHT.
NOW I'VE DONE IT!
OH, UM, UH...
WHAT IS IT?
GAL CLICK
OH!
UM—
...!
...NICE WORK TODAY.
AH.

SIGH
YOU DID GOOD TODAY.
PON (PAT)
ぽん PON ぽん.
SURS
GON (THUNK)
ゴン
YOU TOO.
BATAMU (TNK)
I KNOW I WAS WITHIN MY RIGHTS DEALING WITH HIM AS AN ADVENTURER...
I'M WORRIED WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF HIM, THOUGH.
WE SAY THAT TRUE JUSTICE ISN'T PUNISHING EVIL, BUT CAUSING PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE IT.
...BUT WHAT DID YOU THINK OF MY CHOICE, AS A PRIESTESS OF THE GOD OF LAW?

YEAH, IF YOU CAN MANAGE IT.
WHICH, COMPARED TO THE SWORD MAIDEN, I HARDLY DO.
YOUR STANDARDS ARE TOO HIGH!
THE LAW IS A TOOL TO HELP US LEAD LIVES MORE IN TUNE WITH ORDER.
NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS.
THAT'S A VERY NICE THOUGHT.


SWORD MAIDEN
A GOLD ADVENTURER AND DISTINGUISHED SERVANT OF THE SUPREME GOD WHO WAS PART OF THE PARTY THAT DEFEATED ONE OF THE RESURRECTED DEMON LORDS. THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO NOW.
SHE'S QUITE SPECIAL.

WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO, RIGHT?
I GET THE EASY PART.
ANYWAY, ALL I DO IS USE SENSE LIE.

A RE-ASSIGNMENT PAPER...
...AND SOME PROMOTIONS.
TO SAY NOTHING OF ALL THE USUAL WORK.
RIGHT! HERE GOES!
AW, DON'T LOSE HEART
PON (PAT)
PON
ぽん
ぽん
...SO.
IS HE THAT GUY YOU LIKE?
Y—
YES, HE IS. SO?
HMMM.

I GUESS HE IS A LITTLE STOIC...
I KIND OF WISH...
...HE'D AT LEAST TAKE ME TO LUNCH OR SOMETHING.
WELL, NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A THING FOR THE INSCRUTABLE ONES.
NOT QUITE WHAT I MEANT...
WANT A SWEET ROLL?
RIGHT.
TIME TO STOP WORRYING ABOUT SILLY THINGS...
...AND GET DOWN TO WORK.
HMM!
OKAY!

EEYKES!
HEY.
Y-YES! HOW CAN I HELP YOU, GOBLIN SLAYER?
I THINK YOU KNOW HOW.
GOBLIN SLAYING.

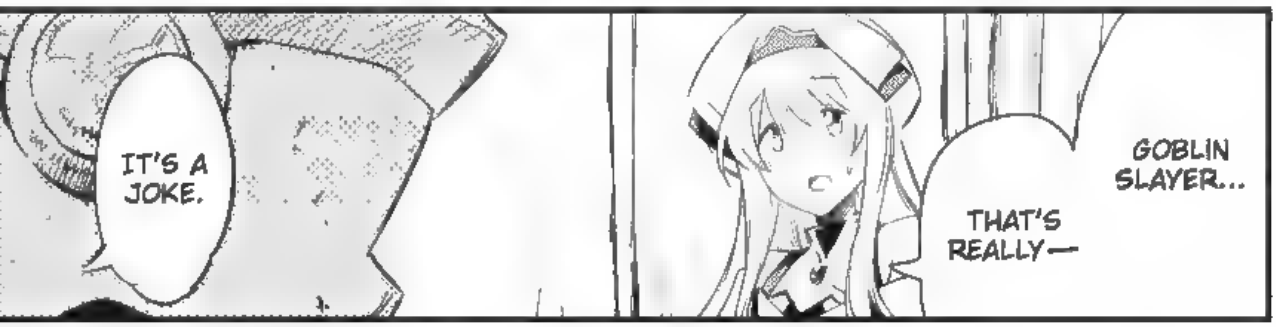
THE REWARD IS ONE BAG OF GOLD EACH.
YOU CAN COME OR NOT, WHATEVER YOU LIKE.
ARGH!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU ONCE!
JUST GIVING US TWO CHOICES LIKE THAT—
—DOES NOT CONSTITUTE TALKING THINGS OVER!
DOESN'T IT?

AT LEAST HE'S WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY THESE DAYS.
A FINE TREND!
SO SHE'S RIGHT. WE'RE NOT DISCUSSING ANYTHING.
OF COURSE.
IF WE SAY WE WON'T GO, I ASSUME YOU'LL JUST GO BY YOURSELF.
IS THAT SO?
I'LL DO WHAT I WANT, THEN—
—AND COME WITH YOU.
AND NO FIRE! AND NO WATER!
HR ...
BUT!
YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE POISON GAS!
BUT THOSE —
BISHI!! (POINT)
NO!
WELL, YOU DID GO WITH ME ON MY ADVENTURE EARLIER.

PRIESTESS: A GIRL WHO RECENTLY LEFT THE TEMPLE OF THE EARTH MOTHER TO BECOME AN ADVENTURER.
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE...
WOW!
I CAN SEE IT!
THAT'S THE TOWN, ISN'T IT?
URR-RRGH ...
WATER... PLEASE ...
OH, IT'S JUST A LITTLE HANGOVER.
YOU ELVES ARE PATHETIC.

YOU WERE FALLING DOWN DRUNK AFTER JUST A FEW CUPFULS!
YOU MUST BE DREAMING!
I DRANK YOU UNDER THE TABLE LAST NIGHT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

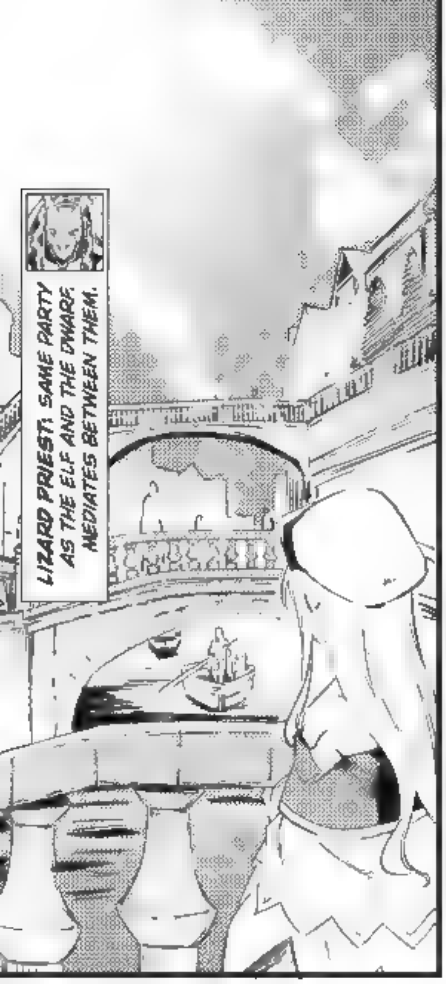
IF IT'S TOO MUCH FOR HER, GIVE HER AN ANTIDOTE.
IT SEEMS OUR DEAR RANGER HAS BEEN HAVING MOST PLEASANT DREAMS.

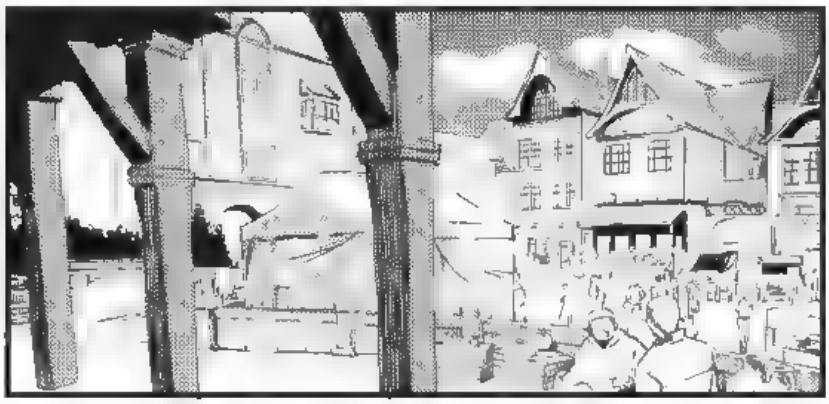

IT'S A JOKE.
THAT'S REALLY—
GOBLIN SLAYER...

ORCBOLG MADE A JOKE !?

GABA (GAPE)

HIGH ELF ARCHER: A HIGH ELF, ONE OF THE ADVENTURERS OPPOSING THE DEMON LORD.
DWARF SHAMAN: SAME PARTY AS HIGH ELF ARCHER. THEY OFTEN ARGUE.
PHEW! FINALLY HERE!
MY BUTT HURTS!
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER NOW?
SURE AM!
ORCBOLG CRACKING A JOKE CLEARED THE HANGOVER RIGHT UP!


LIZARD PRIEST: SAME PARTY AS THE ELF AND THE DWARF. MEDIATES BETWEEN THEM.



OW. OW
...AND IT'S AT THE CONFLUX OF ALL THESE RIVERS.
THE SUPREME GOD HAS A MAJOR BASE HERE...
TRULY A BUSTLING TOWN.

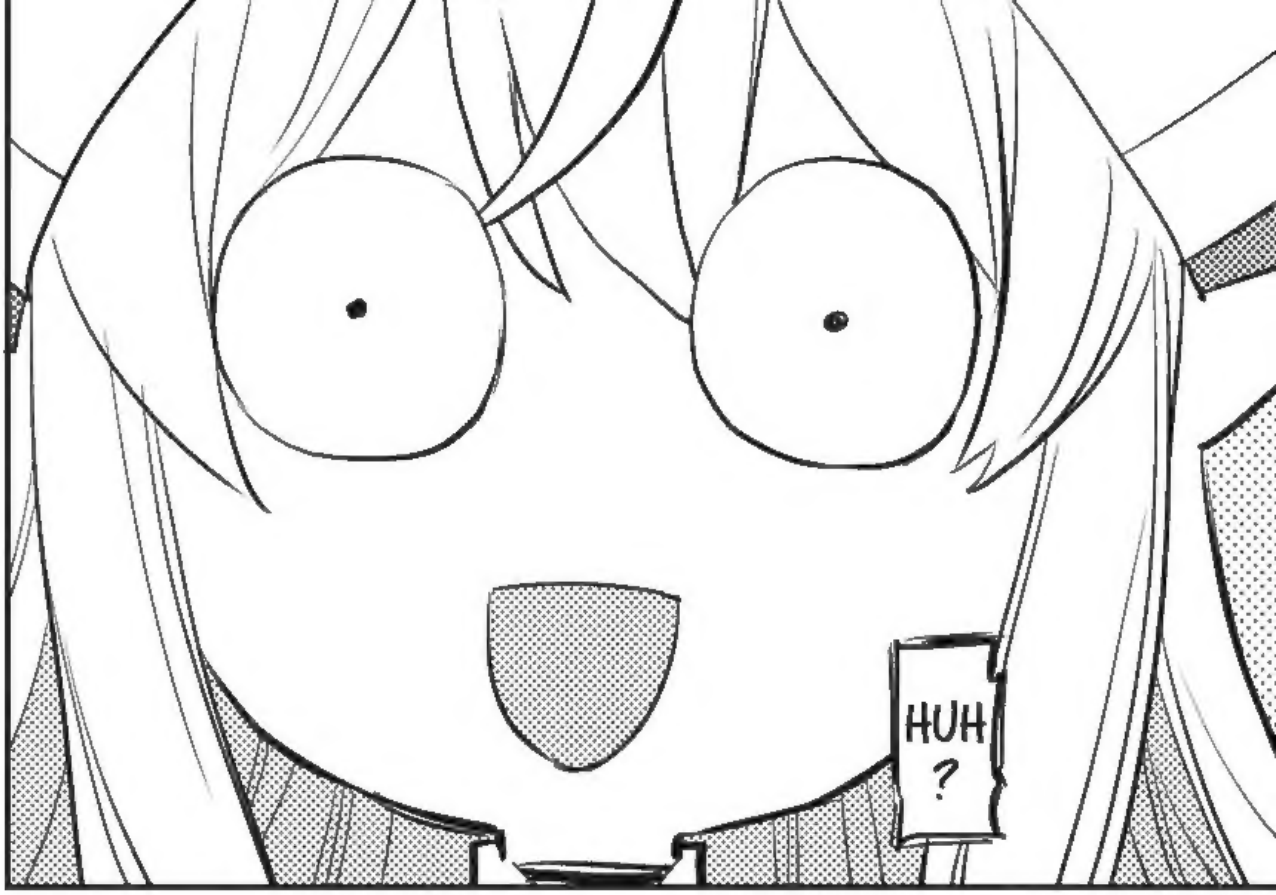
...WATCH IT, PINT-SIZE...
THEY PRACTICALLY BALANCE EACH OTHER OUT!
AN ANVIL FOR A CHEST, AND A RUT FOR A BEHIND!

I GATHER WE CAN MEET THEM AT THE TEMPLE OF THE SUPREME GOD.
YES.
S-SO HOW ABOUT WE GO AND MEET THE QUEST GIVER?
I'VE BEEN TO THIS CITY BEFORE.
THIS WAY!
OH! I KNOW HOW TO GET THERE!

I PRESUME SO.
ARE THERE REALLY GOBLINS IN THIS TOWN?
BUT ...
... UM ...
ATMO-SPHERE?
THE ATMOSPHERE FEELS MUCH LIKE A VILLAGE THAT'S BEEN ATTACKED BY GOBLINS.
OH?
AND WHAT, MAY I ASK, LEADS YOU TO THINK SO?
I DON'T QUITE GET IT
THAT'S 'CAUSE DWARVES ARE STUPID.
WHY, YOU—

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE SMELL OR WHATEVER...
...BUT SURELY THEY WOULDN'T SHOW UP RIGHT HERE IN TOWN?
WE CAN'T BE SURE.
I REMEMBER IT HAPPENING ONCE.
AND WHERE IS THIS TEMPLE?
YOU CAN ALREADY SEE IT.

LOOK OVER THERE.
WOW ...!
IT'S AMAZING!
IS THAT SO?
...I'M SURE HE'S EVALUATING IT AS A POTENTIAL GOBLIN NEST...
IS THE QUEST GIVER A PRIEST OF THE SUPREME GOD?
NO, THE ARCHBISHOP.


HUH
?

THAT MEANS ...

WH... WHAAAA!?
THE ...
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE ARCH-BISHOP!?
WH—
WH—
WHAAAA!?

... SWORD MAIDEN HERSELF ...!
TO BE CONTINUED!

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